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For: **METHOD FOR CONNECTING A SHEET METAL COMPONENT, SUCH AS A PIPE, TO A CAST METAL COMPONENT, SUCH AS A HOUSING PORT, IN PARTICULAR FOR AN EXHAUST SYSTEM**

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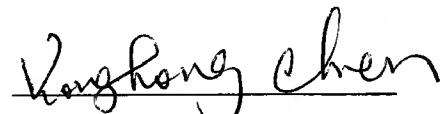
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